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In re Patent Application of:

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For: ALIGNMENT LAYER FOR LIQUID CRYSTAL  
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**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the species election requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 26, 2002, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the species of Group I (claims 1-6) for continued examination.

The Examiner stated that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claims invention:


- Group I, claims 1-6, are drawn to an oxygen alignment layer spacer;
- Group II, claims 7-14, are drawn to a sulfur alignment layer spacer;
- Group III, claims 15-22, are drawn to an NH alignment layer spacer;
- Group IV, claims 23-30, are drawn to an  $\text{OC}_h\text{H}_{2h}$  alignment layer spacer;
- Group V, claims 31-38, are drawn to an  $\text{OC}_h\text{H}_{2h}\text{O}$  alignment layer spacer; and
- Group VI, claims 39-42, are drawn to a cellulose alignment layer additive.

The Examiner also stated that claims 39-42 are generic in terms of the alignment layer spacer.

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Respectfully submitted,

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